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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WAJIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Anil Khatri

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The summary of the invention of the disclosure is objected to because summary is separate and distinct from the abstract and is directed toward the invention rather than the disclosure as a whole. The summary does not point out the advantages of the invention and does not depict gist of the invention or how it solves problems previously existent in the prior art (and preferably indicated in the Background of the Invention).

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Content of Specification

- (f) Brief Summary of the Invention: See MPEP § 608.01(d). A brief summary or general statement of the invention as set forth in 37 CFR 1.73. The summary is separate and distinct from the abstract and is directed toward the invention rather than the disclosure as a whole. The summary may point out the advantages of the invention or how it solves problems previously existent in the prior art (and preferably indicated in the Background of the Invention). In chemical cases it should point out in general terms the utility of the invention. If possible, the nature and gist of the invention or the inventive concept should be set forth. Objects of the invention should be treated briefly and only to the extent that they contribute to an understanding of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-12 recite the limitations first step, second step, third step and fourth step and first-fourth means of referring to a component reference information in controlling a program

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and program control system. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims. Thus, claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Bentley et al* USPN 6,063,128.

Regarding claims 1-12

Bentley et al teaches,

- a first step of referring to a component reference information management area storing interface names, component kinds and component reference information in association with one another, and outputting component reference information stored corresponding to an inputted interface name and an inputted component kind (see abstract, figures 5-8, column 3, lines 1-5, column 6, lines 15-23”);
- a second step of inputting a request requesting a component and holding a component kind as a parameter, acquiring said component kind from said request and outputting said component kind (figures 18, 19 and 24-26, summary of the invention, column 21, lines 13-23, “given a statically... object descriptor 7o T”); and
- a third step of holding said interface name, inputting said request requesting said component, outputting said request to said second step, inputting said component kind

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from said second step, outputting said component kind inputted and said interface name held to said first step, inputting said component reference information from said first step and outputting said component reference information inputted (column 40, lines 38-49, the CMS 10... access method”).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- USPN 6721713
- USPN 6718535
- USPN 6701514
- USPN 6167564

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri, Primary Examiner whose telephone number is 703-305-0282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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